GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IIT,Roorkee is the only technical institute in the country having department of earthquake engineering;

(b) if so, whether a team of IIT, Roorkee has visited Andamans and other Tsunami affected States/UTs to prepare out a blueprint for the reconstruction of the Island and other affected areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the assessment made by the team in regard to estimate the structural damage in Andaman and other affected areas;

(e) whether the Government has taken note of the above assessment; and

(f) if so, reaction thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI):

(a) As per the information furnished by I IT Roorkee, their`s is the only technical institute in the country having Department of Earthquake Engineering.

(b)A team from IIT, Roorkee (Department of Earthquake Engineering)participated in the team of Experts deputed by Ministry of Home Affairs to Andaman & Nicobar Island from January 14-17,2005.

(c)The team met the Officers of Andaman and Nicobar Administration for discussion regarding (i)temporary shelters and
(ii) long term permanent housing for the tsunami affected populations of A&N Islands. The requirement of temporary shelters were assessed and it was estimated that about 14,000 total dwelling units may be required. Decisions were also taken on the following issues:

(i) Plan of temporary shelter units for Non-Tribal Area;

(ii) Materials of construction of the temporary shelter units;

(iii) Shelters in Tribal Temporary Areas;

(iv) Approach for reconstruction of housing for rehabilitation purpose;

(v) Finalisation of Specification for Permanent Houses;

(vi) Types and Details of Construction;

(vii) Other amenities; and

(viii) Project Implementation.

(c) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.